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1. SUMMARY: UK REP TABLED AND SUMMARIZED UK DRAFT
CONVENTION ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS IN AUGUST 12 CCD PLENARY,
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EXPLAINING THAT IT IS INTENDED AS A FOCUS FOR FURTHER CW

DISCUSSION WHICH HE HOPED CCD WOULD TAKE UP NEXT SPRING. UK DRAFT APPROACHES COMPREHENSIVE BAN IN THREE PHASES, BEGINNING WITH DECLARATION OF CW STOCKS AND PRODUCTION FACILITIES PLUS HALT IN PRODUCTION. SWEDISH ALT REP SAID REPORT OF FIRST SESSION OF SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP REPRESENTS A PROMISING START BUT THAT THE WORK OF THE GROUP SHOULD NOT DELAY POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD A CTB. END SUMMARY

2. UK REP (ALLEN), INTRODUCING WORKING PAPER CONTAINING THE NEW UK DRAFT CONVENTION ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS (TEXT TRANSMITTED REFTEL), DECLARED THAT DRAFT DRAWS IDEAS AND OPERATIVE ELEMENTS FROM MANY PREVIOUS PROPOSALS AND STATEMENTS AND "IS OFFERED AS A CONTRIBUTION TO FURTHER WORK." ALLEN ADDED THAT CCD'S INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS ON CW HELD IN JULY, AS WELL AS US WORKING PAPER ON SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS AND RECENT PLENARY SPEECHES ALSO REPRESENTED VALUABLE ASSETS OF USE TO FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. UK REP EXPLAINED THAT THE UK CW DRAFT EMBODIES A PHASED APPROACH, WITH THE FIRST PHASE INVOLVING A DECLARATION OF CW STOCKS AND PRODUCTION FACILITIES, AS WELL AS A CESSATION OF PRODUCTION. THE SECOND PHASE, BEGINNING UPON RATIFICATION OF THE CW CONVENTION BY AN AGREED MINIMUM NUMBER OF STATES, WOULD ADD PROVISIONS REQUIRING DOMESTIC IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES AND NON-PROLIFERATION UNDERTAKINGS (PROHIBITING TRANSFER OF CW OR PRODUCTION KNOW-HOW), IDENTICAL WITH THE EQUIVALENT PROVISIONS IN THE BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION. THE THIRD PHASE, WHICH ALLEN STATED MIGHT LAST FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS DUE TO TECHNICAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED, WOULD REQUIRE PHASED DESTRUCTION OF CW STOCKS OR THEIR CONVERSION TO PEACEFUL USES.

4. THE BASIC UNDERTAKING (ARTICLE I), ALLEN EXPLAINED, OBLIGES PARTIES NOT TO DEVELOP, PRODUCE, ACQUIRE, OR USE CHEMICAL WEAPONS OR MUNITIONS, AND SYSTEMS DESIGNED TO DELIVER THEM. INCLUDING A BAN ON CW MUNITIONS, HE SAID, WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL IN REGARD TO SPECIALIZED MUNITIONS FOR COMBINING BINARY PRECURSORS, THUS REDUCING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE DEFINITIONAL AND SCOPE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE BINARY PRECURSORS THEMSELVES.

5. ALLEN DECLARED THAT NEGOTIATIONS BASED ON UK CW DRAFT WOULD NEED TO INCLUDE PREPARATION OF SEVERAL ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS: ONE TO SPECIFY IN GREATER DETAIL THE CHEMICAL AGENTS TO BE COVERED; A SECOND TO SET THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL INSPECTION OF CW STOCK

DESTRUCTION OR CONVERSION; AND A THIRD TO GIVE A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ACCEPTABLE VERIFICATION TECHNIQUES, INCLUDING SOME OF THOSE DESCRIBED IN US WORKING PAPER CCD/498. AMONG THE CONTROL PROCEDURES, ALLEN INDICATED, ARE BOTH A NATIONAL VERIFICATION AGENCY ESTABLISHED OR NOMINATED BY EACH STATE PARTY, AND A CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF STATES PARTY.

6. THE UK REP ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH TIME FOR DISCUSSION OF UK DRAFT DURING REMAINDER OF SUMMER SESSION. HE CALLED FOR SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSAL BY GOVERNMENTS, WHICH HE HOPED WOULD SEND DELEGATIONS PREPARED TO DISCUSS IT WHEN THE CCD'S SPRING 1977 SESSION BEGINS NEXT FEBRUARY.

7. SWEDISH ALT REP (JONSSON) COMMENTED BRIEFLY ON THE FIRST REPORT OF THE SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP (CCD/513) AS A PROMISING START WHICH WILL LEAD TO THE RESOLUTION OF TECHNICAL ISSUES. JONSSON INDICATED, THOUGH, THAT COUNTRIES IN SOUTH AMERICA, AFRICA, AND WIDE PARTS OF EURASIA AND THE PACIFIC ARE NOT COVERED IN THE EXPERTS GROUP, AND APPEALED TO NON-PARTICIPATING CCD MEMBERS TO RECONSIDER. HE ALSO CALLED FOR FURTHER ENCOURAGEMENT OF PARTICIPATION BY ADDITIONAL STATES NOT MEMBERS OF THE CCD. WITH REFERENCE TO EXPERTS GROUP'S ONGOING WORK, JONSSON STATED SWEDEN REMAINS CONVINCED THAT THE TIME NECESSARY FOR TECHNICAL STUDIES SHOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH THE IMMEDIATE BEGINNING OF POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD A CTB.

8. AT INSTANCE OF USSR REP (LIKHACHEV), CCD DECIDED THAT OTHER DELS COULD COMMENT ON REPORT OF SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP DURING NEXT PLENARY.
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